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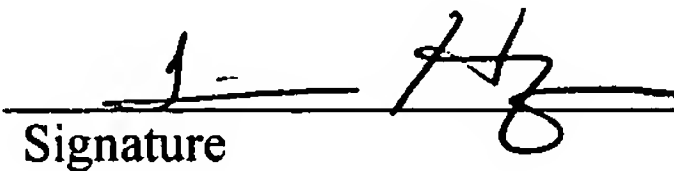
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Serial No.: 10/044,801  
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For: NANOCRYSTALLINE APATITES AND COMPOSITES,  
PROSTHESES INCORPORATING THEM, AND METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this amendment.